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Life Skills Center of Canton

Stark County, Ohio

Audited Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2014

Dave Yost · Auditor of State

Board of Directors
Life Skills Center of Canton
1100 Cleveland Avenue NW
Canton, Ohio 44702

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Life Skills Center of Canton, Stark County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Life Skills Center of Canton is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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February 10, 2015

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Life Skills Center of Canton
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Life Skills Center of Canton, Stark County, Ohio (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the School's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 20, 2014 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rea & Associates, Inc.

Medina, Ohio

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

The discussion and analysis of the Life Skills Center of Canton's (the School) financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

- In total, Net Position decreased by $3,700 which represents a 3.1 percent decrease from 2013. This was due to a reduction in grant related revenue.

- Total assets decreased by $173,127 which represents a 45.9 percent decrease from 2013. The decrease was due to decreases in grants funding, sponsorship fees, and continuing fees receivables.

- Liabilities decreased by $169,427, which represents a 65.3 percent decrease from 2013. This decrease in liabilities was a result of decreases in grants funding, state funding, and continuing fees payable, offset by an increase in accounts payable.

Using this Financial Report

This report consists of three parts, the MD&A, the financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The financial statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows.

Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position answers the question of how the School performed financially during 2014. This statement includes all assets, liabilities, and net position, both financial and capital and current and long-term using the accrual basis of accounting, which is the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or expended.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School's Net Position for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

(Table 1)
Statement of Net Position

	2014	2013
Assets		
Current Assets	$ 201,073	$ 373,108
Capital Assets, Net	2,911	4,003
Total Assets	203,984	377,111
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	90,158	259,585
Net Position		
Investment in Capital Assets	2,911	4,003
Unrestricted	110,915	113,523
Total Net Position	$ 113,826	$ 117,526

Total assets decreased by $173,127 from 2013. This decrease was due to decreases in grants funding, sponsorship fees, and continuing fees receivable. Liabilities decreased by $169,427 from 2013. The decrease in liabilities was a result of decreases in grants funding, state funding, and continuing fees payable, offset by an increase in accounts payable. The School operates under a management agreement with LS Canton, LLC. Under the terms of the management agreement, LS Canton, LLC is paid a specific percentage of the state and federal revenues the School receives (see notes to the financial statements, note 7).

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

Table 2 shows the changes in Net Position for fiscal years 2014 and 2013, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses.

(Table 2)
Change in Net Position

	2014	2013
Operating Revenue		
State Aid	$ 1,041,619	$ 882,832
Non-Operating Revenues		
Grants	172,281	240,896
Interest	30	99
Total Revenues	1,213,930	1,123,827
Operating Expense		
Purchased Services: Management Fees	989,538	838,691
Purchased Services: Grant Programs	172,281	240,897
Sponsorship Fees	20,474	17,605
Legal	3,837	3,778
Advertising	420	513
Insurance	1,674	1,583
Auditing and Accounting	4,925	5,900
Board of Education	23,317	25,470
Depreciation	1,092	1,092
Miscellaneous	72	60
Total Expenses	1,217,630	1,135,589
Change in Net Position	$ (3,700)	$ (11,762)

The primary reason for the increase in overall revenues from 2013 was the increase in full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment. The School's most significant expenses, "Purchased services: management fees" increased as well because of the management agreement in place between the School and LS Canton, LLC. The agreement provides that specific percentages of the revenues received by the School will be paid to LS Canton, LLC to fund operations (see notes to the financial statements, note 7).

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2014 the School had $2,911 invested in capital assets which represented a decrease of $1,092 from 2013. Table 3 shows the respective balances for both fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

(Table 3)

Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)

	2014	2013
Equipment	$ 2,911	$ 4,003
Total	$ 2,911	$ 4,003

For more information on capital assets, see note 6 in the notes to the financial statements.

Current Financial Issues

The Life Skills Center of Canton received revenue for 124 students in 2014 and continues to enroll students on a daily basis. State law governing community schools allows for the School to have open enrollment across traditional school district boundaries.

The School receives its support almost entirely from state aid. Per pupil revenue from state aid for the School averaged $8,400 in fiscal year 2014. The School receives additional revenues from grant subsidies.

Although there is a possibility that state aid will be cut in future years due to the economic climate, the School fees that the relationship with the management company will insulate them from any significant change. The relationship brings stability to the School since specific percentages of revenues are payable to the management company (see notes to the financial statements, note 7).

Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our readers with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Fiscal Officer for The Life Skills Center of Canton, 3320 West Market Street, Ste. 300, Akron, Ohio 44333.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2014

ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	176,939
Grants funding receivable		24,134
Total current assets		201,073
Noncurrent assets		
Capital assets, net		2,911
Total assets		203,984
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable		5,946
Grants funding payable		84,212
Total liabilities		90,158
NET POSITION		
Investment in capital assets		2,911
Unrestricted		110,915
Total net position	$	113,826

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

OPERATING REVENUE	
State aid	$ 1,041,619
Total operating revenue	1,041,619
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Purchased services: management fees	989,538
Purchased services: grant programs	172,281
Sponsorship fees	20,474
Legal	3,837
Advertising	420
Insurance	1,674
Auditing and accounting	4,925
Board of education	23,317
Depreciation	1,092
Miscellaneous	72
Total operating expenses	1,217,630
Operating loss	(176,011)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES	
Grants	172,281
Interest	30
Total non-operating revenues	172,311
Change in net position	(3,700)
Net position, July 1, 2013	117,526
Net position, June 30, 2014	$ 113,826

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	
CASH FLOWS FROM / (USED BY) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from state aid	$ 1,115,659
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(1,385,377)
Net cash used for operating activities	(269,718)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from interest	30
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from grant programs	270,633
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	945
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	175,994
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	$ 176,939
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating loss	$ (176,011)
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Depreciation	1,092
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Continuing fees receivable	74,040
Sponsorship fees receivable	586
Accounts payable	4,457
State funding payable	(71,207)
Grants funding payable	(98,873)
Continuing fees payable	(3,802)
Total adjustments	(93,707)
Net cash used for operating activities	$ (269,718)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY

The Life Skills Center of Canton (the School) is a federal 501(c)(3) tax exempt, state nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to maintain and provide a school exclusively for any educational, literary, scientific and related teaching service. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district. The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

The School contracts with LS Canton, LLC for most of its functions (see note 7).

The School signed a contract with Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS) (Sponsor) to operate for a period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015. The School operates under a self-appointing, five-member Board of Directors (the Board). The School's Code of Regulations specify that vacancies that arise on the Board will be filled by the appointment of a successor director by a majority vote of the then existing directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the Sponsor, which include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. The School began operations in July 2002 and has one instructional/support facilities, which is leased by LS Canton, LLC. The facilities are staffed with teaching personnel employed by LS Canton, LLC, who provide services to 124 students.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the School have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental nonprofit organizations. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the School's accounting policies are described below.

A. Basis of Presentation

The School's financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in Net Position, financial position and cash flows.

Auditor of State of Ohio Bulletin No. 2000-005 requires the presentation of all financial activity to be reported within one enterprise fund for year-end reporting purposes. Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and deferred outflow of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are included on the Statement of Net Position. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total Net Position. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

C. Budgetary Process

Unlike traditional public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the School's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor requires a detailed school budget for each year of the contract. In addition, the Board adopted an operating budget at the beginning of fiscal year 2014. However, the budget does not have to follow the provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, except for section 5705.391 as it relates to five-year forecasts.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

All cash received by the School is maintained in a demand deposit account and STAROhio. For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows and for presentation on the Statement of Net Position, investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased are considered to be cash equivalents.

During fiscal year 2014, investments were limited to the State Treasurer's Investment Pool, STAROhio. STAROhio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAROhio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAROhio are valued at STAROhio's share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2014.

E. Intergovernmental Revenues

The School currently participates in the State Foundation Program and casino tax distributions, which are reflected under "State aid" on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and contributions. Grants, entitlements, and contributions are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Intergovernmental Revenues (Continued)

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis. Amounts awarded under the above programs for the 2014 school year totaled $1,213,900.

F. Capital Assets and Depreciation

For purposes of recording capital assets, the Board has a capitalization threshold of $5,000.

The capital assets are recorded on the accompanying Statement of Net Position at cost, net of accumulated depreciation, at $2,911. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over three years for “Computers and Software”, five years for “Furniture and Fixtures” and “Equipment”, and twenty years for “Leasehold Improvements”.

Aside from those mentioned above, the School has no other capital assets, as the School operates under a management agreement with LS Canton, LLC (see note 7).

G. Use of Estimates

In preparing the financial statements, management is sometimes required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

H. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the School’s primary activities. For the School, these revenues are primarily State Aid payments. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods and services that are the primary activities of the School. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating.

I. Change in Accounting Principles

For 2014, the School has implemented GASB Statement No. 65, “Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities”. GASB Statement No. 65 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. GASB Statement No. 65 also provides other financial reporting guidance related to the impact of the financial statement elements deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, such as changes in the determination of the major fund calculations and limiting the use of the term deferred in financial statement presentations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 65 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of all School deposits was $79,484. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2014, the School's bank balance of $82,400 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105 percent of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School.

B. Investments

As of June 30, 2014, the School had the following investments and maturities:

		Investment Maturities		
Investment type	Balance at Fair Value	6 months or less	7 to 12 months	Greater than 24 months
STAROhio	$ 97,455	$ 97,455	$ -	$ -

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to state law, the School's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less. The weighted average of maturity of the portfolio held by STAR Ohio as of June 30, 2014, is 51 days.

Credit Risk: Standard & Poor's has assigned STAROhio an AAAm money market rating.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The School places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the School at June 30, 2014:

Investment type	Fair Value	% to Total
STAROhio	$ 97,455	100.00

4. GRANTS FUNDING RECEIVABLE/PAYABLE

The School has recorded "Grants funding receivable" in the amount of $24,134 to account for the remainder of State and Federal awards allocated to the School, but not received as of June 30, 2014.

Additionally, under the terms of the management agreement (see note 7), the School has recorded a liability to LS Canton, LLC in the amount of $84,212 for 100 percent of any State and Federal monies uncollected or unpaid to LS Canton, LLC as of June 30, 2014.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

Property and Liability - The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. As part of its management agreement with LS Canton, LLC, LS Canton, LLC has contracted with an insurance company for property and general liability insurance pursuant to the management agreement (see note 7). There was no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year and claims have not exceeded insurance coverage over the past three years.

Director and Officer - Coverage has been purchased by the School with a $1,000,000 aggregate limit with a $2,500 deductible.

6. CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

For the year ended June 30, 2014, all of the School's capital assets consisted of the following:

	Balance 06/30/13	Additions	Deletions	Balance 06/30/14
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Equipment	$ 5,459	$ -	$ -	$ 5,459
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Equipment	(1,456)	(1,092)	-	(2,548)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	$ 4,003	$ (1,092)	$ -	$ 2,911

7. AGREEMENT WITH LS CANTON, LLC

Effective July 1, 2011, the School entered into a revised management agreement (Agreement) with LS Canton, LLC which is an educational consulting and management company. The Agreement's term runs through June 30, 2015, and will renew automatically for two (2) consecutive five (5) year terms, unless terminated for cause by either party. Substantially all functions of the School have been contracted to LS Canton, LLC. LS Canton, LLC is responsible and accountable to the School's Board of Directors for the administration and day-to-day operations. As part of the terms of this agreement, the continuing fee percentage of the School is 95 percent. Continuing fees are defined in the Agreement as, "…the revenue per student received by the School from the State of Ohio Department of Education pursuant to Title 33 and other provisions of the Ohio Revised Code." The continuing fee is paid to LS Canton, LLC based on the previous month's qualified gross revenues. As such, LS Canton, LLC receives 95 percent of "State aid" (see note 2 E) and 100 percent of all other federal, state, and local grants. The School retains 5 percent of the state aid as well as miscellaneous revenues generated from interest on deposits and donations.

The School had purchased service expenses for the year ended June 30, 2014, to LS Canton, LLC of $1,161,819 of which $84,212 (see note 4) was payable to LS Canton, LLC at June 30, 2014. LS Canton, LLC is responsible for all costs incurred in providing the educational program at the School, which include but are not limited to, salaries and benefits of all personnel, curriculum materials, textbooks, library books, computers and other equipment, software, supplies, building payments, maintenance, capital, and insurance.

8. SPONSORSHIP FEES

The School renewed its contract with Ohio Council of Community Schools as its sponsor effective July 1, 2010. The School pays the Sponsor two percent (2%) of state aid. Total fees for fiscal 2014 were $20,474. The contract is for five years ending June 30, 2015. The Sponsor is to provide oversight, monitoring, and technical assistance for the School.

9. MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXPENSES

For the year ended June 30, 2014, White Hat Ventures, LLC and its affiliates incurred the following expenses on behalf of the School.

Expenses	**2014**
Direct Expenses:	
Salaries and wages	$ 412,790
Employees' benefits	96,717
Professional and technical services	136,807
Property services	126,137
Travel	1,108
Communications	30,077
Utilities	46,250
Transportation	8,550
Books, periodicals, and films	725
Food and Related Supplies	17,911
Other supplies	51,498
Depreciation	9,017
Other direct costs	70,027
Indirect Expenses:	
Overhead	304,397
Total Expenses	$ 1,312,011

Overhead charges are assigned to the School based on a percentage of revenue. These charges represent the indirect cost of services provided in the operation of the School. Such services include, but are not limited to facilities management, equipment, operational support services, management and management consulting, board relations, human resources management, training and orientation, financial reporting and compliance, purchasing and procurement, education services, technology support and marketing and communications.

10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The School has contracted with LS Canton, LLC to provide employee services and to pay those employees. However, these contract services do not relieve the School of the obligation for remitting pension contributions. The retirement systems consider the School as the Employer-of-Record and the School ultimately responsible for remitting retirement contributions to each of the systems noted below: (see note 7)

10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

A. School Employee Retirement System

Plan Description – LS Canton, LLC, on behalf of the School, contributes to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. SERS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits: annual cost-of-living adjustments; and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by state statute per Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/ Audit Resources.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and LS Canton, LLC, on behalf of the School, is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended, up to statutory maximum amounts, by the SERS' Retirement Board. The Retirement Board acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund) of the System. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the allocation to pension and death benefits is 13.1 percent. The remaining 0.9 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. The School's contributions to SERS for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, were $3,864, $3,780 and $4,700, respectively, which equaled the required contributions each year.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description – LS Canton, LLC, on behalf of the School, participates in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement plan. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on a member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account.

10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)

Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, plan members were required to contribute 11 percent of their annual covered salaries. LS Canton, LLC, on behalf of the School, was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2014, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 11 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

LS Canton, LLC's required contributions on behalf of the School for pension obligations to STRS Ohio for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012, were $54,283, $34,528, and $52,416, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013, and 2012. Contributions to the DC and combined plan for fiscal year 2014 were $0 made by LS Canton, LLC and $0 made by the plan members.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages. As of June 30, 2014 there were no members that elected Social Security.

11. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. School Employee Retirement System

Postemployment Benefits - In addition to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) administers two postemployment benefit plans.

11. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

A. School Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Medicare Part B Plan – The Medicare B plan reimburses Medicare Part B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3309.69. Qualified benefit recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part B premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2013 was $104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as $335.70 based on their income. SERS' reimbursement to retirees was $45.50.

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare B Fund. For fiscal year 2014, the actuarially required allocation is .76 percent. LS Canton, LLC's contributions on behalf of the School for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012, were $210, $203, and $278, respectively, which equaled the required contributions each year.

Health Care Plan- ORC 3309.375 and 3309.69 permit SERS to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMOs, PPOs, Medicare Advantage and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage.

SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively. The ORC provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment benefit plans. The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 105(e). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14 percent contribution to the Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the health care allocation is .55 percent. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2014, the minimum compensation level was established at $20,250. The surcharge, added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. LS Canton, LLC's contributions on behalf of the School assigned to health care for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012, were $152, $0, and $944, respectively.

The SERS Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare B plans are included in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The report can be obtained by contacting SERS, 300 East Broad Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3746 or by calling toll free (800) 878-5853. It is also posted on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

11. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

Plan Description – LS Canton, LLC, on behalf of the School, contributes to the cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2014, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, were $3,877, $3,453 and $4,032, respectively; 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

12. CONTINGENCIES

Grants

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, in the opinion of the School, any such adjustments will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the School.

Enrollment FTE

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. The conclusions of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. Adjustments to the state funding received during fiscal year 2014 are immaterial and will be included in the financial activity for fiscal year 2015.

December 20, 2014

To the Board of Directors
Life Skills Center of Canton
1100 Cleveland Ave NW
Canton, OH 44702

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Life Skills Center of Canton, Stark County, Ohio (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards.*

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Rea & Associates, Inc.

Medina, Ohio

LIFE SKILLS CENTER OF CANTON

STARK COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED
FEBRUARY 24, 2015

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